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a sheath defining a lumen therethrough;

a mesh portion, coupled to the sheath, the mesh portion being movable between a retracted position and an axially expanded position;

an elongate member disposed in the lumen and operably attached to at least one of the mesh portion and the sheath such that axial movement of the elongate member within the lumen causes movement of the mesh portion between the expanded position and the retracted position;

introducing the sheath and the mesh portion into the body tract proximate the stone, the mesh portion being in the retracted position during introduction;

forming a stone immobilizing surface by moving the elongate member relative to the sheath so the mesh portion expands; and

bringing the stone and the stone immobilizing surface into contact with one another; and

breaking the stone into fragments.

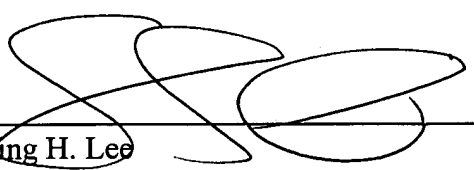
REMARKS

With this amendment, Claims 1-22 have been canceled and new Claims 23-42 have been added. Claims 23-42 correspond to Claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 5,935,139, respectively.

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